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Could any career be more delightful than to be the adored clown of over a million children? Such has been the good fortune of Marceline, the acrobat pantomimist now in this country, whose antics have brought joy not only to a large proportion of the civilized children in the world, but to equally as many grown-ups, including most of the crowned heads of Europe.

The children, however, can be numbered by the hundreds of thousands who worship him as part of themselves, and it is to the children that he reveals the wonders of his art. When I went, a few days since, to ask him the secret of his power to entertain them his reply was:

"It is the children themselves. I can al ways perform twice as well when the theater is crowded with children. All sorts of funny tricks come to me which I have never thought of before, and when I hear their little voices laughing out from in front of the footlights my feet become like feathers

and I tumble in every direction."

His entire spirit is one of bubbling mirth. and herein unquestionably is the first prin-ciple of giving children a good time, though it is so inherent in Marceline that he scarcely realizes how powerful a factor it is in his success. He simply overflows with good nature, and his advice is:

"Be so filled with the thought of fun and a rollicking, jolly good time that the children cannot fail to catch the feeling of merriment and become a part of it at once. They are keenly susceptible to a grown person's mood, and if one note of anything but gayety enters your mind and actions they will lose interest immediately."

### Saw the Funny Side.

When he is on the stage he never gets the audience's attention without impressing them by the expression of his face and the quick, almost jumping-jack way in which he makes every move, with his joyousness and frolicking playfulness. And yet when I met Marceline off the stage he was no child, but a wide-awake man, who was keenly alive to everything and everybody and saw a humorous side to whatever was going on around him.

"Children love quick action," was Mar-celine's next suggestion. "Everything has to move with a vim to keep them enter-tained. If they are playing games, the moment one game is finished there must be another game or trick ready, and it is a great mistake to let them play any game for more than three rounds, no matter how much they may be enjoying it. When they particularly like a stunt I follow it up with one very similar, but their alert brains are always ready for it, and if the applause or laughter was strong in the first one it is doubly increased for the second, "There is nothing children like better

than a sleight-of-hand performer, and my movements are as quick as a man who juggles with his hands. For instance, when I tumble off the elephant's head to the stage I am up and on my feet before the audience has scarcely had time to realize that I have fallen. And as I make a dive through the crowd of players toward the back of the stage, if I find space enough, I accidentally trip, and in a twinkling I am on my nose and up again.

# Want Action.

"It is just the same when children are among themselves. They may have one kind of fun that they like better than any other, but they go at it with all their might, and before you know it they are on doing something else with equally as much enthusiasm. They want activity, and they want it in as many different ways as they

Recalling his famous little whistle and a social distinction, etc., do not appear to unique way he has of jumping up and down, appeal to the young man of today. He Recalling his famous little whistle and a with lightning rapidity, I asked him what the object was of these simple practices which are so distinctly his own. He told me that children are born imitators and they are perfectly happy if they are able to do some trick which they have seen a clown

or any other performer do.

"Every child in London knows that whistle and has tried to imitate it. There's nothing wonderful about the whistle, either, but the fact that they might be able to do it themselves makes it fascinating to them."

A good way to start children's love of imitating is to have a barnyard game in which some grown person gives the call of the different animals and has the children guess what it is. Then a round of the room is made when each of the little folks is called on to give the sound. The song notes of the various birds are also sounds which they delight in mimicking if the leader of party is able to make a noticeable distinc-tion between the different noises.'

# Always Laughable.

"One of the most successful stunts I do is a somersault over the backs of eight men. But it isn't the somersault so much that catches the fancy of the children. It is my imitation of the different men as they walk onto the stage. There are all sorts of characters, a prenounced type of a Jew, an Irishman, a Dutchman, etc., and in all sorts of sizes. As each one takes his place in line with a stooped back I come after him with the same peculiar manker of gestures which he used, and peals of laughter from the

children are the result.
"This means of entertaining can be emplayed at parties by an older person showing the children unusual ways which some of them have of doing things, or by simple impersonations of funny people they all may know. Anything of this sort never fails to give them no end of amusement." It occurred to me when he was giving me an illustration of how easily this could be done that this faculty of imitating might not be so "simple" to every person as it is unquestionably to Marceline. The idea, however, is an excellent one, and an elaboration of it is to have the children take mal. Tuesday he returned to the city and turns in going out of the room and return-ing dressed as nearly as possible in shawls, lambrequins, hats, etc., that may be near at hand, like the various characters in Mother Goose, the funny men in the comic supplements or the heroes in their favorite books. little folks who remain in the room should then be made to guess whom they

represent.
"A laughable make-up, too," conthaued the great clown, "has a big attraction for ungsters, as you know yourself from the typical clowns in the tent circus. My get-up, with baggy dress suit, the red stockings, the flaring red necktie and the red wig hasn't much in common with the usual wig hasn't much in common with the usual meal-bag clown, but it has made me a funny figure for twenty years. And when children's fathers bring them to the stage door to see me, if my make-up is off they always look at me with utter indifference and say: 'Why, that isn't Marceline, papa. 'Marceline has a big red nose and red

And they might add a ridiculously funny monkey face when has the grease paint smeared on his forehead and mouth and

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chin. Like all men who perfect their art, however, even this make-up is a finished piece of work, with nothing about it that is

"What did you do to amuse the children in London last Christmas?" was my next

"Very much the same thing that I am do-"Very much the same thing that I am do-ing to entertain the children in this coun-try this Christmas," Marceline answered, "though there was something very novel took place on Christmas night after the audience had all left the theater. Some one in the company started the idea of giving the children performers a Christmas tree, to which we all contributed for presents.

"The manager on that night requested that no one leave after his or her act had been gone through with. So the moment the last of the audience had gone we all gathered on the stage, each in characteristic makes in each with a right a great Christmake-up, and with a rush a great Christ-mas tree, held in a small draped truck, was pushed from the wings to the center of the stage by one of the biggest men performers, dressed and made up like Santa Claus. The tree was loaded with presents for the five or six youngsters and a happier lot of children you couldn't wish to see. "This Santa Claus idea satisfies children's love of anything that is made up and it is

one that can be used now with splendid advantage. Abroad Christmas wouldn't have any meaning to the little folks without their real live St. Nicholas, in his warm, downy clothes and with his pack on his back."

Comes Easy to Him. My last question to Marceline, as my first, was: "How do you do it? How can you make me and a thousand other people laugh out loud the moment you come on the stage?"

"By being natural and easy-not making any effort about anything I do, and it is the keynote to success with children. They are simple in everything they do and the person who entertains them must make it all seem simple and move smoothly without any jerks. To go back to my performances, when I turn a somersault on the handkerchief the man who talks to me works ev-ery one up to thinking it is an impossible feat. Then when I turn over and land with both feet on the same spot that they left, my smile and the quickness with which I go at something else makes the children think that it is the easies: thing in the world.

"Another way of working up to the same end is to keep giving them surprises. If I do a thing one way the first time, after that I make them think I am going to do the I make them think I am going to do the same thing over again. Instead of which I play around it until the moment they begin to think I'm fooling them, when I do the stunt a second time in a twinkling Little surprises in any form of entertainment that is used count tremendously in the success of children's entertaining. Change the order of things just enough from the way they have been accustomed. from the way they have been accustomed to it to keep them wondering what is coming next, and any chiffdren, at least if they are at all like those I've run across, cannot fail to have a good time.'

### DENIED BY MR. DUNLOP.

### No Arrangement Made With the Cross-Town Line.

President Dunlop of the Capital Traction Company was at the Capitol yesterday and took occasion to deny the truth of the report that a deal was on between the Great Falls and Old Dominion Company and the Capital Traction Company by which the bill providing for the construction and opera tion of a cross-town line by the latter concern is to be pushed, unobstructed by opposition from the Old Dominion interests. Mr. Dunlop said he had heard, but not from any authoritative source, that the Old Dominion cross-town line bill would not be introduced at this session. A report has been actively circulated of late to the effect that harmony existed between these two formerly opposed in-terests, and that they would both push the Capital Traction bill this year.

# LACK OF CANDIDATES.

### Navy Unable to Secure Competent Civil Engineers.

Rear Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards, has reported to the Secretary of the Navy that the bureau is much embarrassed by the lack of officers and the difficulty of securing competent persons to fill existing vacancles. "The bureau," says Admiral Endicott, "attributes the lack of competent candidates to the prosperous condition existing in the private business world. Young engineers of ability are in such demand and so profitably employed by 'private enterprises that they are not attracted by the inducements' offered by the government service. The benefits of retirement, medical attendance,

apparently wants money at once and in the largest possible quantities. "The pay of the corps of civil engineer is one of the smallest in the naval service bestowed upon commissioned officers and is inadequate for the character of the service rendered and compares unfavorably with that obtaining in civil life. One pay table having been established for the three sea-going corps—the line, the medical corps and the pay corps—that of distinctively shore-duty corps should be equalized with respect to each other where the attainments re-quired and services performed are of a

similarly high technical order.
"It is recommended that Congress be asked to grant to the technical shore-duty corps, including the civil engineer corps, the pay and allowances established by law for naval constructors and assistant naval constructors. Such an enactment would be in the direction of equalizing the pay of officers and remove a serious discrimination which has long existed.

"In the absence of such enactment and the establishing of a general pay table for all corps of the navy based upon rank, there should be such a revision of the rank in this corps as would result in compensaion adequate to the character of the service exacted and make such compensation sufficient to attract the best talent among young men in civil life."

# CHARLES SEUBERLEK MISSING.

# Bladensburg Truck Farmer Disappear-

ed After Coming to This City. The mysterious disappearance from the city last Tuesday of Charles Seuberlek, forty-six years old, a truck farmer of Bladensburg, Md., is causing his family and friends some uneasiness. An appeal has been made to the police for assistance, his continued absence having alarmed them, and they fear he has been murdered.

Monday morning he drew \$100 from bank traded the horse for another animal. Later he was seen in a lunch room. When he failed to return home Tuesday night and thehospital records failed to show that he had been taken to any of them for treatment Mrs. Seuberlek became uneasy and sought Attorney Robert W. Wells. The attorney accompanied her to police headquarters yesterday and had her tell Capt. Amiss of her husband's absence.

Detectives Hel in and McNamee were detailed upon the case by Capt. Amiss and are making an investigation. A number of horse traders with whom, it is thought, Seuberlek had dealings, were summoned to police headquarters yesterday and questioned by Capt. Amiss. Some of them recalled seeing Seuberlek Tuesday, the day he made the trade, but none of them was able to give information that would solve the mystery of his disappearance. The missing man is said to have been of sober habits. He is president of the German Vorwaerts Club of Bladensburg and a member of the board of directors of the Prince George county almshouse.

Messrs. Daniel and Redman accepted the court's decision as to the accounting, but will appeal the part of the decision relating to the deed. The defendant in the suit is represented by Mr. John Ridout.

Policeman Has Appendicitis.

Policeman Quali of the eighth precinct was taken suddenly ill Thursday night while on fluty. He was taken to Freedmen's Hospital, where his trouble was diagnosed as appendicitis. He was taken to his roofn at the Thyson House later in the night. He had a similar attack some time ago. Detectives Helin and McNamee were de-

# FOR GERMAN ORPHANS

### ANNUAL REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF LOCAL ASYLUM.

The twenty-sixth annual report of the German Orphan Asylum, on Good Hope road, Anacostia, has just been issued. It is signed by William F. Meyers, the secretary, for the board of directors, and is written in German and English. Concerning the operations of the asylum for the past year it is stated that "at the beginning of the year the number of inmates was forty-six, twenty-eight boys and eighteen girls." Twelve children were admitted during the year and seven were discharged, leaving at the end of the fiscal year fifty-one chidren, twenty-nine boys and twenty-two girls. With the exception of two boys and one girl, who were placed to learn a trade, all were returned to surviving parents or relatives. The health of the orphans has been exceptionally good, only a few cases of so-called children's diseases occurring. The board of directors has endeavored with great care to place orphans to learn a trade or profession.

trade or profession.

The board mentions its great loss through the death of two of its most valued workers, namely, William H. Veerhoff and Andreas Loeffler. Both were untiring in their efforts in the interest of the institution and were always ready to help where help was wanted. The conduct of the children, as well as their progress, has been satisfactory. The superintendent and matron have executed their difficult tasks to the satisfaction of the board: cleanliness and satisfaction of the board; cleanliness and order is the rule of the house. The Christ-mas celebration, held at the institution the Sunday after Christmas, was well attendsunday after Christmas, was well attended. An enjoyable program was presented by the orphan children. Thanks are extended to Lieut. William H. Santelmann and a part of the Marine Band, which voluntarily and gratuitously furnished excellent music. On Monday, June 12, the orphans had an enjoyable trip to River View through the generosity of the officers of the Concordia Sunday school, who took them as their guests free of charge. The the Concordia Sunday school, who took them as their guests free of charge. The Ladies' Ald Society arranged the yearly picnic Labor day, September 4, for the benefit and pleasure of the orphans, who on this occasion enjoyed a treat of ice cream and cake, as well as prize running, turning atc. jumping, etc.

Thanks for Benefactions.

The board acknowledges the public spirit and beneficent charity of many of the citizens of the District, who have furnished the institution clothing, food and other supplies so liberally. The board of directors realizes, it states, that its aim to become self-supporting and independent requires great effort, energy and work, not only of the directors, but on the part of citizens. Congress again appropriated \$1,-500 for the maintenance of fifteen children under contract with the board of charities. During the past year the home has been kept in good repair, many minor repairs in tinning, plumbing and flooring were or-dered and executed; all windows and doors were screened through the generosity of the Ladies' Sewing Society. The steps at the front or main entrance have been ornamented by new iron gates and iron vases placed at the side of the steps. At the request of the Commissioners of the District side of the building, from the dormitories to the ground, and nine fire extinguishers with hose, etc., have been placed in differ-

ent parts of the bullding. Attention is called to the financial report, which shows receipts amounting to \$5,398.30, with expenditures of \$4,954.42. leaving a cash balance September 30, 1905, of \$443.88. Reports are appended from the Ladies' Aid Society and the Ladies' Sewing Society. Mr. Jacob Gerstenberg, the superintendent, shows the result of the farm work and inventory of the stock. The officers of the German Orphan Asylum Fred Imhof, president; William Kettler, vice president; William F. Meyers, secretary, and Charles G. Rogler, treasurer.

# TALK ON IMPROVED METHODS.

### Lectures Expounding Theories to Farmers-Farmers' Grange Election. Special Correspondence of The Star.

UPPER MARLBORO, December 15, 1905. The first lecture on the subject of improved methods of tobacco, corn and poultry raising by experts from the Department of Agriculture and the Maryland department of farmers' institutes, to the agriculturists of southern Maryland, was given yesterday at Nottingham, being delivered from the deck of the steamer Maggie. The steamer left Baltimore Tuesday night, and by daylight was well into the Patuxent

At Hollands Cliff, Judge J. A. C. Bond of Westminister pointed out the old Fox set-tlement, the place where the first Quakers came to Maryland and where the Johns and Hopkins families first lived. He also called attention to the place where Gen. Barney, who led the fight of the American troops at Bladensburg, came up the river and landed in 1814 to defend Washington. Every time the boat lands at a wharf over 100 persons, farmers and their familles, go aboard and listen with marked in-terest to what the experts talk about. An interesting feature of the work is the corn talk to the boys by Prof. W. T. L. Taliaferro, state agriculturist, Maryland Agricultural College. Mr. G. Arthur Bell of the Department of Agriculture is lecturing on

subject of poultry-raising, and his audiences are made up for the most part of At the meeting of the Maryland State Farmers' Grange, which adjourned yesterday, Mr. Joseph B. Ager of Hyattsville, this county, was elected state master, and Dr. H. B. McDonnell of College Park, secretary. Mrs. J. B. Ager of Hyattsville was named as Ceres, and Mr. Henry J. Patter-

son, director of the Maryland experiment station, was named as a member of the executive committee. The session adopted a resolution favoring the enactment of law that will prohibit the sale of cigarettes or cigarette papers within the state and also indorsed the Haman oyster planting bill.

# PLAINTIFFS NOTE APPEAL.

### Objections to Part of Decree in Legal Controversy.

In the suit of the Northwest Eckington Improvement Company, T. Cushing Daniels and S. C. Redman against Charles N Campbell, which was decided by Justice Anderson several days ago, an appeal on a portion of the decree will be taken by the plaintiffs, who are represented by Attorneys Ralston & Siddons. The case involved aone-third interest in a tract of ten and one-half acres of land in North Eckington, and the plaintiffs ask that a certain deed conveying a one-third interest to Mr. Campbell be set aside and as an equal part of the

decree that an accounting between Campbell and themselves be ordered.

Justice Anderson in his decision refused to set aside the deed, but complied with to set aside the deed, but complied with
the plaintiffs' prayer in ordering that the
cause be referred to the auditor for a full
accounting between the parties respecting
the affairs of the joint enterprise.

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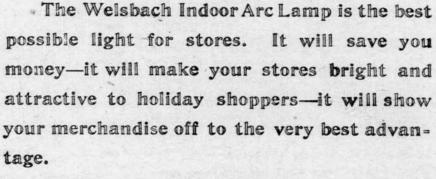
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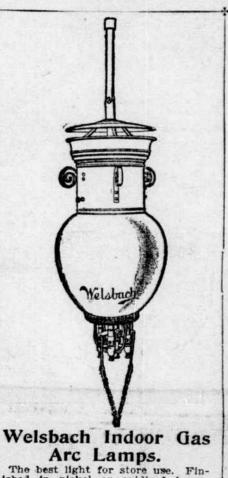
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# Fear That Pending Treaty Gives to

Morales Too Much Power. It developed at a meeting of the Senate mmittee on foreign relations yesterday that it is Santo Domingo and not the United States that is anxious to have amended the pending treaty in relation to Dominican financial affairs. The seventh articles of the treaty provides that the United States at the request of the Dominican republic shall grant the latter such assistance as the United States may deem proper to restore credit, preserve order, increase the efficiency of the civil administration and advance the material progress and welfare of the Dominican republic.

This article is construed to give the United States authority to send warships to the ports of the republic to enforce the terms of the treaty and put down any disorders that might threaten the smooth operation

of the convention. Secretary Root was before the Senate committee yesterday and testified that the Dominican people desired to have the treaty amended to provide that such assistance may be called for by the congress of Santo Domingo. Under the present phraseology it appears that the authority to call upon the United States rests with the president of Santo Domingo. Opposition to the plac-ing of such great powers in the hands of President Morales has been manifested in the republic, and it is said that without the amendment the Dominican republic would refuse to ratify the convention. It is refuse to ratify the convention. claimed by the Dominican opponents to the present treaty that if put in operation in its present form Morales could hold the ency forever and that his heirs would take it in succession.

Secretary Root gave the committee no light on this feature of the demand for the amendment, merely ascribing the request to a desire on the part of the Dominican people to make a change in that portion affecting internal affairs in Santo Domingo. No action was taken concerning the treaty, as consent has been granted to the committee to sit during sessions of Congress. Secretary Root will be given a further hearing. Most of the time was occupled by Secretary Root in completing his re-port in relation to the reorganization of the consular service.

Want Bond Approved. Justice of the Peace Mills was yesterday cited by Justice Barnard of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to show cause the 22d instant why he should not accept an appeal bond alleged to have been offered by Luigi Alessi. The rule to show cause was the result of the filling of a petition for writ of mandamus by Attorney George P. Hoover in behalf of Alessi.

The latter explains that he was defendant in a suit before Justice of the Peace Mills and that judgment was rendered against him. He decided to appeal from the judgment to the District Supreme Court. It is charged that the justice of the peace refused to accept the appeal bond offered by Alessi, basing such refusal on the ground that proper notice of the action had not been given the plaintiff. This ruling was contrary to the views of Alessi. accept an appeal bond alleged to have been

Grand Jury Indictments. The grand jury yesterday afternoon reported indictments against the following: Arthur Williams, Eugene Smith, George Brennan alias Smith, Clarence Howlett alias Kennith Freeman, Robert Vodry, Bunch Hill and Thomas McDonough, each for housebreaking. George Jackson, for larceny. Thomas Varnon, Charles Reynolds and Samuel Waugh, each for robbery. Eugene Smith, depredation in fixtures in

# EXPERIMENTED ON STEER.

### San Francisco Doctor Found Brain Action Electrical Phenomenon.

Dr. A. B. Atkins of San Francisco claims to have proved, by an experiment made on a steer in the stock yards at Butchertown, that brain action is an electrical phenomenon. His theory has the support of Capt. L. D. Wildman of the United States Signal Corps, who assisted in the experiment. The apparatus consisted of two platinum electrodes connected with a long copper wire running to a very sensitive galvanometer. The electrodes were inserted in two lobes of the brain of a living steer. After the first quiver caused by the insertion of the platinum points, the animal lay quiet and yet the needle of the galvanometer was deflected four points on the scale and remained so for nearly six minutes.

Then the animal's throat was cut. Immediately the needle deflected nineteen points in the same direction. Then the needle gradually returned to its normal posi-As no battery was used Dr. Atkins is of

the opinion that the electric current intro-duced into the galvanometer originated in the animal's brain; in other words, that it was the brain action itself. Dr. Atkins has previously demonstrated that electrical force is developed in the lungs and hearts of animals, and in a paper recently read before the San Francisco County Society of Physicians and Surgeons

he argued that the mystery of gravitation could only be solved by attributing it to electrical action. "In fact," he declared, electrical action. "In fact," he declared, "the life principle itself is of electric origin."

### Relief for the Russian Jews. To the Editor of The Star:

Permit me to correct an erroneous state-

ment which appeared in some of the American daily papers anent the representative of the "bund," or General Jewish Workingmen's League of Russia and Poland, Dr. M. Gurevitz, who has just arrived in this country. The announcement that this man is "to supervise the gathering of money here for the self-defense of the Jews in Russia as well as for the fight against the government," is utterly incorrect. The Jewish Self-Defense Association, recently organized and headed by Dr. J. L. Magnus, has absolutely nothing in common with any political party or parties. Its sole and only purpose is to enable the Jews, who are in constant dread of their tormentors, to defend themselves, protect their lives and properties and the honor of their wives and daughters. This association is merely to afford means of defense for the Jews in Russia against all that may attack them whether they be revolutionary mobs or hirelings of czardom and autocratic rule. The Jewish Defense Association has now received the sanction of such reliable personages as Louis Marshall, Jacob H. Schiff ages as Louis Marshall, Jacob H. Schiff, Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, etc. Next to the general relief fund this defense association is a most laudable cause, and full worthy of the support of every honest and peace-loving man. All those desirous to send their contributions for the Jewish Self-Defense Association will please direct them to Dr. J. L. Magnus, 165 East Broadway, New York city, or to Jacob H. Schiff, specifying the purpose for which they are sent.

JULIUS T. LOEB,
Rabbi Congregation Adath-Israel.

Beturns to Penitentiary.

George E. Lorenz, who has been in this city for a week past as a witness for the government in the case of William G. Crawford, will return to the West Virginia

# AID OF MERCHANT MARINE.

# Position of the Leaders in the Awful State of Affairs Revealed by

Representative Grosvenor of Ohio, chairman of the House committee on merchant marine and fisheries, says he is confident that Speaker Cannon, in his recent committee appointments, made no attempt to pack the committee against the measure recommended by the shipping commission. It has been rumored around the Capitol that the speaker does not wish to have the bill acted upon at this session.

It was said today that the statement that | ing, counterfeiting, &c., are increasing. ship subsidy legislation is doomed in the House is hardly a fair summing up of the merly, and each arrest adds to the exsituation. It is certain that some forms of pense and loss account of the city. Estiproposed relief cannot pass the House, but mates put the bill of the city's expenses It by no means follows that no plan of ame- as high as \$10,000,000. In other words, lioration of existing unfortunate conditions each taxpayer or head of a household of In the merchant marine can receive the five persons pays \$6.81 a year for Lonsanction of the lower body.

The position of the House leaders is that chant marine shall not be squandered entirely upon the great ocean filers of the great transatlantic lines. There is strong opposition in the House to any bill which would give the existing steamship lines the biggest part of the government's bounty. It is declared that there is not insurmount. able opposition to a bill which would build up freight-carrying and mail-carrying ves sels and send the commerce of the United States in American bottoms into seas which now are seldom visited by Yankee ships.

# Binding Twine on Free List.

The democrats are still introducing tariff bills. The latest is the measure introduced by Representative Champ Clark of

# CRIME IN LONDON.

# Statistics.

London is paying the penalty paid by all large cities. Crime is inside her gates. In round numbers she has to pay nearly \$8,000,000 a year to keep criminals in check; for that is the sum paid out to her police courts, prisons and prosecuting officers. It fails to include stolen property, losses due to the idleness of criminals, losses to injured parties, &c. Serious crimes, such as burglary, housebreak-Arrests are more frequent than fordon's crime. Nor do these millions make up the total loss. There are the hundreds legislation for relief of the American mer- of thousands taken, consumed by the criminals, hidden away, lost or destroyed. Add, then, to these the amounts paid by private parties to prevent burglary, &c., watchmen, caretakers, burglar alarms, door and window fastenings, safes, re-volvers, life protectors, dogs, &c., and one begins to get a fairly good idea of what are the losses due to crime in a

large city. A table prepared in London puts the police and courts down for \$9,149,000, the prisons for \$583,980, lost property for \$1,216,625, loss by injuries, assaults, &c., \$973,300; loss in labor of criminals, &c., \$1,167,960, or a total of \$13,090,885. These appalling figures cover often only the well-known items. How many hundreds well-known items. How many hundreds, thousands or even millions escape the duced by Representative Champ Clark of vibilant eye of the experts. No millions Missouri to place binding twine on the free like thirteen or fourteen are able to list.

